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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 229
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A RESOLUTION To create a special joint committee to study the establishment of a Birth-Related Neurological Injury Fund.

WHEREAS, Every year small numbers of babies are born with serious birth-related neurological injuries; and

WHEREAS, Birth-related neurological injuries result in the need of permanent assistance for all basic and daily activities; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly recognizes the increased costs of caring for infants born with birth-related neurological injuries; and

WHEREAS, It is vital to study the options for addressing the increased costs and the growing needs of these infants; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly should conduct a comprehensive study of the establishment of a Birth-Related Neurological Injury Fund to assist in meeting the physical and emotional needs of the infant and the family; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That there is hereby created a special joint committee to study the creation of a Birth-Related Neurological Injury Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall consist of three (3) members of the Houses of Representatives and three (3) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly; and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and other such officers the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or interim reports, to the One Hundred Second General Assembly no later than February 1, 2002, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.